

SAINT SHARBEL MISSION

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PARISH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY | at 1:00 P.M.

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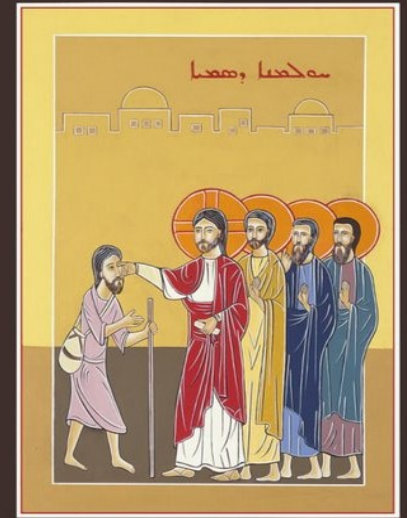
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READINGS

March-April/ 2019




Sun April 7	Healing of the Blind Man	
	Epistle	Gospel
	2 Cor 10:1-7	Mk 10:46-52
Sun April 14	Hosanna Sunday	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Phil 1:1-13	Jn 12:12-22
Mon April 15	Passion Week: Coming to the Harbor	
	Epistle	Gospel
	Heb 6:1-9	Mt 21:17-27
Tue April 16	Passion Week: Coming to the Harbor	
	Epistle	Gospel
	1 Thes 2:13-17	Lk 13:22-30

DATE	TIME	* LITURGY INTENTIONS *	FROM
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Remember your loved ones with Mass Intentions

April 7	1 PM	Jihan Shukha	Elizabeth Azzam and extended family
April 14	11:00 AM	For all the sick in our Parish	
April 15	7:30 PM	Personal Intentions	
April 16	7:30 PM	Personal Intentions	

 PARISH OFFERING Mar 24, 2019	
Weekly offering	\$754.00
Coffee Hour	\$122.00
Stipend	\$300.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$237.00
Total Income	\$1,413.00
<p><i>Thank You for your generosity and your support</i></p>	

Important Messages

You are all encouraged to read the letter of a Catholic Priest to the New York Times. You can find it by going to the following website:
www.elreporterosf.com

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Let us get ready for our move into the new Church. There are a lot of preparations to be made, please let me know if you are able to assist.



The dream has come true. We will be celebrating our First Divine Liturgy in the new Church on Hosanna (Palm) Sunday at 11:00 AM.

Let us thank God for His generosity to us and pray for him to help our community. My personal prayers to all those who have helped make it a reality.
May God bless all Donors

The 2019-2020 NAM Scholarships are open. Same as last year, rather than using only paper applications, NAM are now using an online application for a majority of the scholarships offered. The applications for all NAM scholarships can be found online.

USEK Scholarship: The University of the Holy Spirit-Kaslik, Lebanon. **10 Summer scholarships** will be awarded which will include full tuition and dormitory; and **\$500** once the semester is completed. Available for college students; Summer 2020.

NDU Scholarship: Notre Dame University-Louaize, Lebanon. **12 scholarships for the Spring or Fall semester**, both include full tuition and dormitory; and **\$500** once a semester is completed. Available for college students; Spring/Fall 2020.

HOSPITALITY - COFFEE HOUR / 2019

April 7	Available
April 14	Luncheon at the new Church
April 21 Midnight	No Coffee Hour
April 21 11:00AM	Easter Egg Hunt
April 28	Available



*To sponsor a coffee hour pls. contact Mrs. Anna Franca Abi-Aad
 Tel:(954) 806-9909 Or Email: abetriz@yahoo.com /Donation for coffee hour is appreciated*

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS - 2019

Apr 7	2nd Collection	Eparchial Charities Appeal
May 11	6:30 PM	Mother's Day Dinner at Jacoba Hall

Lent Schedule

Every Friday during Lent, starting on the 8th of March and until the 12th of April, we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.

Hosanna Sunday: Liturgy will be celebrated at the new Church at 11 am.

During Holy week, April 15 and April 16: Coming to the Harbor, Liturgy at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday, April 17: Rite of the Lamp and Blessing of the Oil at 7:30 pm.

Thursday of the Mysteries on the 18th: Washing of the Feet at 7:30 pm.

Great Friday of the Crucifixion on the 19th: Signing of the Chalice at 9:00 am, and Jesus's burial at 7:30 pm.

Saturday of the Light on the 20th: Prayer of Forgiveness at 11:30.

Resurrection Sunday on the 21st: Rite of Peace at Midnight and 11:00 AM Liturgies.

Healing of the Blind Man

A theme that is central to the Maronite Liturgy is Jesus as the Light of the world and daily we invoke Mary as the Mother of the Light. On the Sixth Sunday of Lent, we recall Bartimaeus, the blind man who wanted to behold the Light of the world.

Jesus was on the way to celebrate his last Passover. He was traveling along the road to Jericho, fifteen miles from Jerusalem, and every Jew living in the area was required to attend to the Passover in Jerusalem. If they were unable to attend, they were required to stand along the sides of the roads and listen to the rabbis who taught as they passed by.

Jesus and the crowds around him were approaching the gate of the city, where a blind beggar was sitting. It was a good time to beg for alms because of the number of persons who walked by. The gospel gives his name as "Bartimaeus." Bartimaeus heard the tramping of feet and the noise of the crowd and asked who was passing by. When he heard that it was Jesus who was approaching, he began to shout and make noise in order to attract Jesus' attention. Everyone who was trying to listen to the Master was offended and tried to silence the beggar. But this was the only chance for the beggar: Jesus was passing by and he wanted to escape from his world of darkness.

When Jesus indicated that he wanted to see what Bartimaeus wanted the attitude of the crowd changed. They told the blind beggar, "Courage, get up. He is calling you." The beggar response was immediate. He threw off his cloak and rushed to the Lord. In many ways, we are called to be like the beggar. Certain opportunities come only once. When the Lord calls us, we must throw off anything that will hinder us and run to Christ.

The blind man knew what he wanted; he wanted light. Not only was the beggar to receive the gift of sight from the Lord; he was also to receive the gift of inner light, the gift of faith. How courageous Bartimaeus was in his desire to seek the Light of the world.

Many of us desire to remain in the darkness. Let us not allow the world to prevent us from seeking the Light, but let us cast aside all that hinders us and go to meet the Lord.

"Through the rays of your light, we shall see the light, O Jesus, full of mercy."